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SUBJECT: BRITISH REQUEST DELAY IN U.S. MILITARY
SHIPMENTS TO GUATEMALA

DURING JUNE 16 WORKING LUNCHEON WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, DCM MORETON AND FIRST SECRETARY WALKER OF BRITISH EMBASSY REVIEWED STATE-OF-PLAY OF TALKS WITH GUATEMALA ON BELIZE ISSUE, ASSERTED THAT USG PROVISION OF PATROL BOATS AND C-47 AIRCRAFT TO GUATEMALA COULD HAVE HARMFUL IMPACT ON TALKS, AND ASKED WHETHER USG COULD HOLD UP ON DELIVERY SUCH MATERIEL UNTIL DIRECTION OF TALKS BECOMES CLEARER. ROGERS REPLIED THAT WE HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO RECONSIDER QUESTION OF C-47'S FOR GUATEMALA ON BASIS OF GUATEMALAN PURCHASE OF TEN ARAVA AIRCRAFT AND WOULD KEEP HMG ADVISED. HOWEVER, WE WERE IN FINAL STAGES OF APPROVING FY 75 FMS CREDITS TO COVER PATROL BOAT PURCHASES AND WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY REVERSING THAT PROCESS. SINCE DELIVERY OF FIVE PATROL BOATS WOULD BE SPREAD OVER TWO YEARS
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